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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached is a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes accompanying amended drawings showing the changes in red ink and yellow highlighter.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 19, line 8, delete "51a" and insert therefor --51--.

Page 21, line 2, delete "3838" and insert therefor --38--.

Page 23, line 13, delete "endoscope 1" and insert therefor --endoscope 2--.

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